

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 5:30-10:10 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Richard Donah, Thomas Snyder and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Enter Executive Session at 5:30 PM Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:34 pm to discuss personnel. (Carried 5-0)

Police Chief Appointment The board briefly discussed the Police Chief promotional appointment.

W/WW Helper Vacancy The board briefly discussed the Water/Wastewater Helper vacancy.

Police Department Staffing Concerns The board briefly discussed future staffing needs for the Police Department now that one of our Sergeants will be assuming the Chief of Police position. Trustee LeBlanc asked that we table further discussion until the new Police Chief has had time to assess the department's needs and to make his own recommendations as he sees fit.

Notice of Discipline Electric Employee The board briefly discussed a final drafted notice of discipline for an Electric Department Employee. After unanimously agreeing that it was acceptable it was so moved in Executive Session by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve the notice of discipline for the Electric Department Employee. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive Session at 5:56 PM Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 5:56 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were, Chief of Police Thomas Fee and his family members, Police Sergeant Eric Proulx and his wife Brittany Proulx, Fire Department Members Mark Arsenault, John LaMora, Royce Cole, Nick Rolley, and Joseph Cormier, Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Department of Public Works Michael Sparks, Chamber of Commerce Events Coordinator Michelle Clement, residents Ronald LaScala and Barry Mattoon, news reporters Daniel McClelland and Jessica Collier.

Call Regular Meeting To Order Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:00 pm.

Pledge Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Thomas J. Fee Retires – Farewell Mayor Maroun presented Police Chief Thomas J. Fee with a plaque in appreciation for his 34 years of service to the Tupper Lake Community. Each member of the board took a moment to congratulate him and thank him for his many years of dedication to the community of Tupper Lake and for his service to the Village of Tupper Lake.

Eric Proulx Appointed

New Police Chief Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Mr. Eric Proulx to the position of Police Chief effective February 28, 2013 at a rate of pay of \$65,000.00. (Carried 5-0)

DPW:

Due to other commitments the Department of Public Works report was moved to the top of the agenda as follows.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks reported that the Fire & Ice competition went off without a hitch. His department are preparing for the Pro-Am Fishing Tournament and picking up snow on the side streets.

Trustee Donah asked if new doors could be installed on the restrooms in the outfield. Superintendent Sparks stated he would price out the door replacements.

Public

Comments & Mayor's

Announcements:

Chamber of Commerce

Events Coordinator

Introduced

After giving a brief background of the new candidate's credentials Mr. Daniel McClelland with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors introduced Ms. Michelle Clement as the new Events Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Michelle Clement gave a brief description of her plans to grow the events for the community and she stated she is so looking forward to meeting and working with community members as she plans to grow two new events this coming year.

Junction Pass

Mr. Daniel McClelland advised the board that he wants to develop alternative trails to compliment the Junction Pass Project and open more corridors. He stated he has met with representatives from the NYS DEC in the past week and wants to loop other trails through the community to help spur tourism.

TL Woodsmen's

Association

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the Tupper Lake Woodsmen's Association to utilize the Municipal Park from July 9 through July 16, 2013 to host the annual Woodsmen's Days events. (Carried 5-0)

Wedding Ceremony

July 26, 2013

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize Mr. Bill Gibson and Ms. Penelope Miner to utilize the Municipal Overlook at the end of Mill Street to host a Wedding Ceremony from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 26, 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Shakespeare in the

Park August 2, 2013

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize the Adirondack Lakes Center for Arts to utilize the Flanders Park August 2, 2013 to host a Shakespeare in the Park: Macbeth from 6:pm to 10:00 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Student Helpers

Available

Mercy Care for the Adirondacks is facilitating work with the Aging in Place Task Force in each of the Tri-lakes Communities to help our communities become more aging-friendly. Our Tupper Lake local task force is collaborating with the student volunteers from the Tupper Lake Junior/Senior High School to assist elders with fall, winter and spring yard work; please call Ms. Diane Helms with the Tupper Lake Central School to utilize student volunteers at 359-3322.

Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the Board Minutes from January 22, 25, 2013 and February 1, 11, 2013. (Carried 5-0)
Water/Wastewater: Miscellaneous Updates	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that his department has been busy repainting the garage, new mechanic area and plumbing improvements.
W/WW Helper Jessie Kavanagh Appointed	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Mr. Jessie Kavanagh to the position of Water/Wastewater Helper. (Carried 5-0)
Route 3 & 30 Water Leak	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his department will be repairing the water leak at the intersection of Old Wawbeek Road and State Route 3&30 and to expect delays.
Electric: MEUA Winter Engineering Workshop	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize two members to attend the MEUA Winter Engineering Workshop March 13-14, 2013 in East Syracuse to include registration, travel, lodging and meals. (Carried 5-0)
Discharge Commercial Account Balances	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Donah to discharge two commercial account balances totaling \$14,815.84. Trustee LeBlanc stated he wasn't supportive to discharge the balances and eventually the vote was tabled until next meeting.
Electric Curtailment	There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the period March 1-31, 2013.
Ball Park Tower Light Fixture Bid Replacement	Electric Superintendent John Bouck noted that the bids are due for the necessary upgrades to the ball park light towers on February 28, 2013 and he expects there to be at least two bidders due to recent phone calls concerning the specifications.
Code Enforcement: Accept January Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the January 2013 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)
Accept Year-End Building Permit Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Year-End Building Permit Report. (Carried 5-0)
Reminder Northern Adirondack Code Training	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the Board that he will be attending the Northern Adirondack Code Training in Lake Placid March 4-8, 2013 in Lake Placid.
Fence Ordinance Local Law#3-2013	after many discussions concerning adoption of the proposed Local Law #3-2012 amendments to the Fence Ordinance it was so moved by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the proposed Local Law #3-2013 amendments to the Fencing Ordinance. (Carried 3-2, Trustees Snyder and LeBlanc "Nay")

Police:
Accept January
Report Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally accept the Police Department Monthly Report for January 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Vehicle #5012
Service Issues Newly appointed Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that vehicle #5012 has had issues with the battery charging system and is being serviced by Upstate Auto in Saranac Lake under warranty.

Handicap Parking
Request NYS DOT Mayor Maroun advised that there is a need for additional handicap parking spaces on Park Street from Greg Gachowski's Eyecare to Guido's Pizzeria. Newly appointed Police Chief Eric Proulx stated he would send an official request to Rob Haynes with the NYS DOT.

Barry Mattoon
"SAFE ACT" Local resident Mr. Barry Mattoon stated he wants the Village to vote against the NYS Safe Act recently enacted by Governor Cuomo.

Mayor Maroun advised the Village Board would review the act and revisit it at next months meeting.

Fire:
Accept January's
Report Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the January 2013 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)

Annual Physicals
February 23, 2013 It was noted that the Volunteer Fire Department's annual physicals would be this Saturday, February 23, 2013 beginning at 9:00 am.

Mark Arsenault
FD History & Request
For Fire Vehicle Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Arsenault gave an extensive history lesson on the Volunteer Fire Department's fire vehicle history and replacement program and asked for the Village Board's blessing to replace the 1983 Pierce at an annual cost of \$.04-.07 cents per thousand for the next 5 years with a used truck that West Albany has. No formal action was taken at this time.

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the warrant in the amount of \$137,772.61 for payment of the bills for February 19, 2013 and approve the abstract of audited vouchers for the month of January 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position Review the monthly cash position for January 31, 2013.

Call in Period: No calls received during our call in period.

Adjournment Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourn at 7:30 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer